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*"In Jack Kennedy, the American dream  
came true and ended in a national  
nightmare that haunts us today."*

*— Kerry McCarthy,  
Cousin of JFK*

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## **BEHIND THE LINES**



### **Robert Chapman, Editor**

Happy New Century to you all. I hope New Year's Eve and Day were safe and happy for everyone.

As you read these lines it is now early in the year 2000. "The assassination of John F. Kennedy occurred 'last century'". The latter is a statement that we as a group of researchers and interested citizens will hear with some frequency in the coming years. It will be intended to disparage the relevance of our common pursuit. The statement has, of course, no merit. Because of an accident of chronology it is strictly true, but time will not dim the passion nor impeach the relevance of this research for those who truly care about the real meaning of freedom in this country.

Time is, as Mary Ferrell once pointed out, our most relentless enemy. Where living memories are concerned, that is certainly true. I maintain it may also be our friend. For as time passes we gain access to more and more previously classified documents, and slowly the pieces of this massive jigsaw are being pushed into place. I look forward to the next few years. I expect publications from John Newman, perhaps something new from Peter Dale Scott, certainly the eagerly awaited book from David Lifton, and who knows who else may surprise us. One thing is sure, the arrival of this new century will see an increase in the research and interest in this case, and that is something we can all celebrate.

This magazine will certainly do its part to further interest and discussion of the JFK assassination, and our annual conference will remain the primary national venue for gathering and discussing in a public forum issues central to this important research. Tom Jones and Debra Conway, the publishers of this magazine, are the two people responsible for the continued existence of the November in Dallas conference. Each year the conference grows in quality and attendance. Their professionalism and dedication have brought national recognition and widespread attention to this research. Each of us owes them a great debt of gratitude for their unstinting efforts in search of the true facts behind the John F. Kennedy assassination.

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Kerry McCarthy, cousin of John F. Kennedy, speaks to the crowd in Dealey Plaza on November 21, 1999.

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## Conference Wrap-Up:

Dear Editor,

It was really great seeing all of you in Dallas...the best conference so far in my opinion!! Thanks Deb, Steve and Tom!

But now the question is.....where's Michael and what's the mystery first topic?

— Larry Hancock

Dear Editor,

Two hot items came out of the Lancer conference this years pertaining to assassination day films. The first was from Beverly Oliver. She stated her film may have finally been uncovered. Several frames from a film were sent to her for analysis. This film is now in the hands of a foreign group. We can always hope.

The second hot item came from Dallas Police Officer L.E. Jez. He spoke for the first time this year and appeared with his wife. He said that ten days after the assassination, he was dispatched to the Dal-Tex to retrieve the Zapruder film from Abe. He felt this was the out-of-camera film!!! His wife agreed with the date. Now, if we could only get his partner, J.M. Poe, to talk. Ten days!!!!

— Michael Parks

Dear Editor,

I'm so glad that everyone has kissed and made up.

It really was a very nice ceremony at the Grassy Knoll, though less people last year - "The Event that Didn't Happen," when the AP and CNN inaccurately reported that for the first time in 35 years there was no event set for Dealey Plaza.

Although I did not attend the Lancer conference except for sitting in on Doug Horne's presentation on Sunday morning, Mary Ferrell said that she thought that it was the best conference ever as far as the presentation of new evidence, even surpassing the first ASK conference. She singled out John Newman, Doug Horne and Adele Edisen for special praise. Kudus to Debra for staging such a fine event.

Mary Ferrell gave JFKLancer's Lifetime Achievement award, named in her honor, to Hal Verb, who has been unjustly under attack by some researchers for being named an FBI informant in old FPFCC documents. Anyone who knows Hal and is familiar with his work knows that he is an independent researcher with unquestionable integrity. I especially liked his remarks at Dealey Plaza last year when John Newman referred to the CIA's biblical slogan on the wall of their HQ: "Know the Truth and the Truth Will Set You Free." Hal said that's wrong, but rather, "When you learn the truth, the truth will make you mad."

Knowing that I am an associate of John Judge and an original member of COPA, Mary Ferrell asked me why COPA and

LANCER can't work together, and I explained how COPA is a nonprofit organization while LANCER is not.

John Judge and Debra met briefly at Dealey Plaza on Monday at noon and exchanged a few words, something to the effect that they agreed, not necessarily to work together, but at least not to work against each other.

COPA is not in the conference business, and JFKLancer can organize all the Dallas JFK assassination conferences they want to as well as take on the job of "educating the next generation of researchers."

COPA will continue to initiate legal action to free the JFK files that remain withheld, and COPA affiliated lawyers (Judge Brown, Alcorn and Lesar) are currently working with the King family in the court action in Memphis.

I will give a report on what transpired at the COPA meetings in Dallas in a future post, and will also post a synopsis of the recently released military service files of Dr./Col. Jose Rivera as soon as I am able

That's all folks.

— Bill Kelly

Congratulations to Debra and Lancer....

...on the best organized Anniversary Observance on the Knoll at noon today in all the years I have been attending.

Beverly Oliver began it by singing The Star-Spangled Banner. Then there were several short appropriate speeches. Then there was a moment of silence just before 12:30.

At 12:30 Beverly sang Amazing Grace...and right on cue, Paul Crute's replica limousine moved slowly down the street.

The observance closed with some researcher reading an appropriate passage about JFK from a book about him.

Several hundred were in attendance, and at least one TV station was providing good media coverage.

Nice job, Deb and Tom.

— Jack White

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Debra, Tom and the rest of JFK Lancer so much for my award. I have sweated and slaved on JFK Place and have often wondered if it has been of the benefit to others that I intended. I am pleased and honored to be included. Thank you!

And thanks to Mary Ferrell. Early on, in the days on Prodigy, she encouraged me to start my newsletter: JFK Honor Guard, which of course led to JFK Place. Her encouragement meant a great deal to me, so she is part of this, as are so many.

Those who archive with me have opened the results of their efforts to aid others, and they all helped to make JFK Place what it is.

Often I think that whatever legacy I leave will be JFK Place. Because of the server/host here, my files on JFK Place will remain long after I do, and I like to think that researchers in future will be able to know more about our efforts because they can read the various files.

I sincerely thank you so much for my being included.

— Deanie Richards



# THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

## RICHARD CASE NAGELL'S VIEW OF AN EVOLVING CONSPIRACY

**Larry Hancock**

Richard Nagell's story is so extensive that it simply cannot be treated with an overview; the best presentation to date, by Dick Russell, runs to several hundred pages and archive releases obtained by Anna Marie Kuhns-Walko are contained in three separate volumes. Therefore, this analysis will attempt to simply address three elements. First it will present basic claims and contentions regarding Nagell himself and offer an appraisal with relevant testimonies, documents and references. Second, it will review Nagell's personal experiences and involvement with a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy. By his own admission Richard Nagell, in his role as a penetration agent, actually developed and shaped certain elements of the plan; in particular, he developed the model of a "Political Assassination". Finally, in conclusion, I will offer conclusions in regard to what we should take from Richard Nagell's efforts to communicate with his government - and us - and offer an assessment of the directions it offers for our researches.

This presentation will be supported through distribution of select document extracts as well as a copy of *The Man in the Middle*, a tract authored by Nagell in 1969 after being used by the Agency in a European assignment which almost got him killed and did not recover his children as promised; his 1969 and 1970 publicity efforts may have been instrumental in his being reunited with his children in the Summer of 1970.

### VERIFYING NAGELL'S REALITY:

Nagell was a decorated combat veteran as well as highly trained and professional Intelligence Agent with experience in Military Intelligence, Counter Intelligence and as a contract agent for the Central Intelligence Agency.

- referencing selected Military records, CIC and FOI assignments, Nagell's statements as to his CIA recruitment and confirmation of this with entries in his personal notebooks as verified by CIA internal documents.

The major criticism offered of Nagell is that of mental incompetence. This is analyzed within three contexts, that of his initial accident and subsequent examination and certification as competent (with subsequent Intelligence training, assignments and Top Secret security clearance), that of his own self admission to a variety of VA institutions while establishing his counter intelligence role / credentials and finally that of the legal defense forced upon him by court appointed counsel after arrest for bank robbery. The 1966 psychiatric report from the Springfield Medical Center finding "no evidence or suggestion of brain damage" will be presented.

Nagell was in Mexico City as self described intelligence role; this role is substantiated by his personal knowledge of the political and intelligence community in Mexico City as well as his identification of individual agents which is corroborated by third parties

including actual CIA operatives.

- referencing American Embassy reports, interviews with Arthur Greenstein, Nagell's notebook reference to the unlisted Cuban Embassy telephone number (the same as in Oswald's notebook), verification of Maria del Carmine as an intelligence operative as confirmed by CIA agent Barney Hidalgo. Also referencing various documents obtained from Nagell at the time of his arrest and his personal notebook(s) and held from him, totally frustrating his legal defense and effort to substantiate his information on a Kennedy conspiracy.

Nagell was involved with two radical exiles in developing a model for a Kennedy assassin involving a publicly avowed Communist-Castro sympathizer. The model initially selected was Von Marlowe aka Snipes in Los Angeles, an ex Marine, marksman, FPC advocate and political activist. Nagell's contribution to the plan added the element of triggering military action against Castro as a consequence of Kennedy's murder.

- referencing Marlowe's detailed interviews with Dick Russell and his aliased letter to Jim Garrison verifying Nagell's statements.

Nagell was personally involved in first abetting and then unsuccessfully opposing Oswald's recruitment in New Orleans for a September attempt on John Kennedy in the NorthEast-DC area.

- referencing Nagell's interviews with Garrison investigator Martin, his detailed instructions on a tape recording to his sister Elenore, statements by his brother-in laws and his eventual reaction to Martin upon realizing his CIA connections. Independently referencing Oswald's multiple letters to Communist organizations discussing and documenting his move (which never occurred) to the N.E. in early September. With corroboration by Col. William Bishop in dialogs with Russell, Twyman and as investigated by Gary Shaw. Additional corroboration by Robert Clayton Buick and Eric Von Kleist.

Nagell knew and correctly described several Cuban exiles including Roland Masferrer, Carlos Quiroga, Sergio Arcacha Smith - as well as Angel (tentatively identified as Tony Cuesta) and Leopoldo. Several of these individuals will be shown to be primary suspects - as corroborated by completely independent sources.

- referencing commentary by Rose Cheramie, Leander, Beckham, William Gaudet and using various documents developed by the Garrison and HSCA investigations. Particular attention will be paid to the Garrison polygraph test given to Quiroga and the anonymous letters pertaining to Arcacha Smith.

Nagell filed reports of his prior knowledge with a variety of agencies and investigative bodies; all can now be confirmed with documentation with the exception of his initial letters to Hoover and Desmond Fitzgerald.

- referencing letters and documents from the Secret Service, FBI, HSCA and various Congressmen

## RESEACH DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Examination of Lee Oswald's activities in the context of known Cuban exile associations and willing prior participation in a plot against the President; a plot planned for another city and another time.
- 2) Documentation of secondary evidence against Oswald as having been prepared with his cooperation in regard to a plot against the President. which was intended to cause military action against the Castro government.
- 3) Investigation of the following individuals and their connections as having knowledge of a conspiracy circa September '63.  
- Sergio Arcacha Smith, Carlos Quiroga, Tony Cuesta
- 4) Richard Nagell's information as validation of John Martino's statements on the conspiracy and a detailed investigation of his associates and their involvement specifically in the Dallas killing of John Kennedy.

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